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1. EMBASSY SUBMITS FOLLOWING EXCERPT FROM VOL 1, CAP 6,
PART II, LAWS OF THE GAMBIA, 1966, WHICH CONTINUES TO
GOVERN EXPORT OF ARMS FROM THIS COUNTRY:

QUOTE

3. NO PERSON SHALL EXPORT FROM THE GAMBIA ANY ARMS OF
WAR OR MUNITIONS OF WAR:

PROVIDED THAT THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL MAY GRANT PER-
MITS FOR SUCH ARMS OF WAR OR MUNITIONS OF WAR TO BE EXPORTED
TO MEET THE NEEDS OF HIS OWN OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT.

4. (1) NO PERSON SHALL EXPORT ANY FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION
TO ANY PLACE EXCEPT UNDER A LICENSE DULY GRANTED BY THE PRE-
SCRIBED AUTHORITY UNDER THIS ACT.

IN GRANTING AN EXPORT LICENSE UNDER THIS ACT THE PRE-
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SCRIBED AUTHORITY MAY ATTACH TO SUCH LICENSE ANY SUCH TERMS

AND CONDITIONS CONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT, AS HE MAY THINK ADVISABLE, AND IN PARTICULAR MAY LIMIT THE LICENSE TO EXPORTATION TO A PARTICULAR CONSIGNEE IN ANY COUNTRY.

NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING IN THIS ACT, THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL MAY BY PROCLAMATION PROHIBIT, ABSOLUTELY OR SUBJECT TO SUCH RESTRICTIONS, LIMITATIONS AND CONDITIONS AS MAY BE SPECIFIED IN THE PROCLAMATION, THE EXPORTATION OF ANY ARMS, AMMUNITION OR WARLIKE STORES. END QUOTE

2. POWERS GIVEN TO GOVERNOR GENERAL UNDER THIS STATUTE WOULD NOW BE EXERCISED BY PRESIDENT OF REPUBLIC. THE GAMBIA HAS NO ARMS INDUSTRY, AND NO MILITARY FORCES, SECURITY BEING MAINTAINED BY A LEAN, EFFICIENT POLICE FORCE. WE HAVE NO REASON DOUBT EFFECTIVENESS GAMBIAN CONTROL OVER ARMS EXPORTS, WHICH IN ANY CASE ARE MINISCULE.

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